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MISS HUGGINS TO BE FALL SPEAKER

Guest speaker at the six fall association and conference meetings will be Miss Alice Margaret Huggins, Congregational Christian educator and author who spent the last four years of her China career under the People's Government ending with 15 months of "detention". She was one of the last three Congregational Christian missionaries out of China.

One of the "counts" against Miss Huggins by the Communists was her book *The Red Chair Waits*, published in the U. S. A. and promoted for its excellence by the Family Reading Club and the Young Peoples Division of the Literary Guild. Not being a pro-Communist story it was classified as "reactionary literature" by the People's Government. Miss Huggins completed the manuscript of *The Red Chair Waits* in Manila where she was caught en route to the U. S. A. during World War II and where she was interned for two years.

Her second book was *Fragrant Jade*, and her third and latest *Day of the False Dragon*, dealing with the experiences and escape from the Chinese Communists of a young Chinese science teacher, was published in the fall of 1953.

This Kansas-born teacher enlisted first for Christian missionary service in China under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in 1917, spending many creative years on

the faculty of Goodrich Girls' School Tunghsien, North China.

In June 1952, Miss Huggins was the first woman to give the Commencement Address at Washburn University, her alma mater, and from the alumnae she received a distinguished service award "in recognition of individual achievement and service to her community, state and nation."

The theme of the fall meetings is "So Send I You". Dates and places are as follows:

Oct. 5-6, North Alabama Association at Steele, Mt. Lebanon Church.

Oct. 7-8, Central Alabama Association at Mt. Creek Union Church.

Oct. 9-10, South Alabama-NW Florida Association at Baker, Pyron's Chapel.

Oct. 12-13, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference at Crossville First Church.

Oct. 16-17, East Alabama Association at New Hope and Forest Home Churches.

Oct. 18-19, Georgia-South Carolina Conference, place to be announced.

Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. and Miss Annie R. Campbell, Minister of Christian Education, will attend all meetings, as will representatives of the SEC committees, fellowships and the Church Builders Club.

Moderators are at work on the programs, and these will go out to all ministers and churches in September.



MISS ALICE M. HUGGINS

NEW MINISTER IN BIRMINGHAM

The Rev. Clarence W. Baldwin and his family have moved to Birmingham, Ala., and Mr. Baldwin assumed his duties as pastor of the Pilgrim Church on Aug. 1.

Mr. Baldwin is a native of Indiana, holds degrees from University of Indianapolis and Indiana University. For three years he was a Chaplain in the U. S. Army, and has filled pastorates at Huntington, Dunkirk, and Union, Indiana.

Active in conference affairs, Mr. Baldwin has held offices as member of the Board of Directors, chairman of the Dept. of Christian Education, and director of summer camps and conferences. He has served as president of the Northern Association of Indiana Conference and was vice-president of the conference when called to Birmingham.

Mr. Baldwin has also been active in interdenominational and community affairs — president of the Huntington Ministerial Association, Board member of the Little and Pony Baseball Leagues, member of the American Legion, Blue Lodge and commander of the Free and Accepted Masons.

Mrs. Baldwin (the former Marguerite Jones of Scottsboro, Indiana) has been very active in women's work in the local church as well as in the association and state conference and has held several offices. The Baldwins have one child, Susan Kathleen, aged seven.

1958 Every Church Canvass

The Rev. Henry C. Weaver, chairman of the stewardship and Missionary Education Committee of the SEC, announces plans for the annual Every Church Canvass. Area training sessions will be held the first two weeks in September for the 25 teams of canvassers. It is expected that all team captains will attend these area meetings and receive instructions and materials. Each captain will be responsible for visiting four to five churches in his area.

The Canvass will go forward the latter half of September, being completed before the end of the month.

Announcements of time and place of area meetings, etc., will go out during August to each minister and church clerk.

People And Places . . .

Visitors in the SEC area during July and August were the Rev. Jesse Dollar and the Rev. Melvin Dollar and their families. Mr. Melvin Dollar was the evangelist for the Chipley Oak Grove Church in its revival services.

Word has been received that the Rev. Herbert Long is hospitalized due to exhaustion.

The Rev. Hugh Lasseter has visited in Montgomery, making preliminary contacts and investigations leading to an extensive survey in August for the Committee on Survey and Church Extension. Women of the East Tallassee church will assist with the survey.

The date for the next Board of Directors' meeting for the Southeast Convention has been set for September 24.

Walter Graham Elected Southern Union Head



WALTER A. GRAHAM

The new president of Southern Union College at Wadley, Ala., is Walter A. Graham, an attorney and banker of Pembroke, Ky., who is now serving as National Director of the Laymen's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches. Announcement of Mr. Graham's election was made in Wadley on Aug. 1 by W. Pressley Ingram Birmingham, chairman of the board of trustees. Mr. Graham will take up his duties at the school next January, with his inauguration to take place in April, according to the board chairman.

A native of Kentucky, Mr. Graham received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College where he majored in Greek, with Economics as his minor, completing the work for a degree in three years. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Yale University Law School in 1935, and has done graduate work in Personnel Management and Business Administration at George Washington University.

Following his graduation from Yale Law School, Mr. Graham was for a time associated with Rankin & Co., a New York firm of accountants, and later served as Director of Young Adult Work for the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Church. For a period of two years he was an instructor for the Dale Carnegie Institute of Public Speaking and Human Relations. He was connected with the United States Government for 13 years, having served in the Dept. of Commerce, U. S. Tariff Commission, General Accounting Office, and the Office of Censorship, the latter be-

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A TIMELY RETURN

As the Mayflower returned to Plymouth shores the second week in June, It seemed quite fitting that the First Congregational Church should again open its doors in Knoxville, Tenn. A former Congregational Church established here "went west" in the early nineteen hundreds, and the building was sold for a Jewish Synagogue.

In June 1955, about one hundred people decided they wished to continue to worship downtown as a group; their church, too, "building west" in a residential section of the city. Hence they began to meet in an assembly room at the Y. W. C. A. Laymen and local ministers held Sunday services; rites of baptism and sacrament were administered periodically. Home prayer meetings were pursued zealously. In the fall of 1956, over a year later, it was learned that the Congregational Church, in its 1953 Program of Progress, had designated Knoxville as an area for possible church extension. Correspondence was held with authorities of the church. After a unanimous vote signifying the desire of the group to become Congregationalists, an organizational meeting was held Dec. 9, 1956. The Rev. Arnold Slater, chairman of the Survey and Church Aid Committee; the Rev. Hugh Lasseter, committee member; Rufus G. Obrecht, Moderator of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Congregational Christian Churches; and the Rev. Erston M. Butterfield, then Superintendent of the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, were present and helped plan the agenda. An informative question-answer period pertaining to church polity and beliefs afforded an initial background of knowledge. James T. White was elected church moderator and Kenneth Coile, church clerk. From that moment on, the Congregational snowball increased in size and momentum. Andrew Jones was elected treasurer, six trustees were elected, committees were appointed and activated, and a Departmental Sunday School was soon in session.

Representing the church, Grover Boyd, Richard Seepe and Clarence Ahler were delegates to the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention in LaGrange, Ga. in March. Four high school and four University of Tennessee stu-

dents were motored to Atlanta for the Pilgrim Fellowship Conference by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kerr, our PF sponsors.

Needful advice, encouragement and inspiration was provided in the months following by visits from the Rev. Miss Annie R. Campbell, Minister of Christian Education of the SEC; Superintendent E. M. Butterfield; the Rev. Arnold Slater, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Chattanooga; A. B. Snell, president of the Laymen's Fellowship of the SEC; Russell J. May, associate director of the national Congregational Church Advisory Service; Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, Associate Minister of the General Council; Dr. Stanley U. North, general director of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches; and the present superintendent of the Southeast Convention, the Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr.

After many weeks of study, discussion, and revision, our constitution was written and adopted. On June 16, 1957 a dream came true. The first service of The First Congregational Church of Knoxville was held in a sanctuary. A downtown grey stone structure had been purchased by contract, made possible by the beneficent aid of leading citizens of various denominations in the city. The building is fifty years old, Gothic in design, reflective of the Old World cathedrals in beauty of architectural detail. Ours is the only church in Knoxville with colossal bells in the belfry visible to passersby. If you could hear them chiming, they would be saying, "We are a friendly church; we are a growing church; we are an enthusiastic church; we are 'A church in the Heart of the city for the Hearts of the people'".

We believe the Pilgrims who came over on the first Mayflower would have been proud of us; we have been staunch, perseverant and undaunted. We are grateful to all who have helped us on our way. We are proud that the return to Knoxville was coincidental with the second return of the Mayflower to Plymouth Rock! With your prayers and God's blessing we look forward to being a great contributing church of which the Southeast Convention fellowship will be proud in the future.

Greetings from Knoxville, Tenn.

—Alberta Ahler

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Qualifications Of Pastor

Some one has catalogued the qualifications of a pastor as follows:

The strength of an ox,
The tenacity of a bulldog,
The daring of a lion,
The patience of a donkey,
The industry of a beaver,
The versatility of a chameleon,
The vision of an eagle,
The meekness of a lamb,
The hide of a rhinoceros,
The disposition of an angel,
The loyalty of an apostle,
The heroism of a martyr,
The discernment of a prophet,
The tenderness of a shepherd,
The fervency of an evangelist,
The devotion of a mother,
And the willingness to live on the
income of a canary.

Walter Graham . . .

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ing during World War II.

He was the founder of a monthly radio program entitled "Let's Take A Look," over station WHOP, Hopkinsville, Ky.

Mr. Graham has been National Director of the Laymen's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches since 1946, and was drafted for this position from an active life in law and banking, being the first full time worker in the position. He has pioneered in a number of unique experiments for this denomination. He planned and promoted the first nation-wide convention for Congregational Christian churchmen which was held in Chicago in 1955. He has made four trips to Europe in connection with the international work of the church. He is also active in interdenominational work,

Mr. Graham is serving as City Attorney for his home town, and is vice-president of The Peoples Bank of Pembroke, both positions being on a non-salaried basis.

He is a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, and has been admitted to practice before all the courts of the District of Columbia as well as all the courts of his home state of Kentucky.

Mr. Graham and his wife have four daughters and one son; Irmaleen, a senior in the Pembroke High School; Lounita Elaine, 10; Carol Sue and Doris Ann, 7-year-old twins; and Walter Jr., a junior at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Graham succeeds the Rev. Clyde C. Flannery who resigned in August, 1956. Vice-President Douglas Wasson has been acting president in the interim and will continue with the college as vice-president. Wasson was offered the presidency in April but did not accept.

In accepting the presidency of Southern Union, Mr. Graham said: "I am highly honored by the board of trustees and am well aware of the magnitude of the task to which I have been called. Southern Union has a glorious heritage and a most promising future. I believe in Christian education and feel that adequately trained young men and women can meet the challenge of the atomic age."

The Formation Of Small Study Groups Within The Church

By Robert W. Spike

Protestant churchmen prize highly their belief in the priesthood of all believers. This means far more than the freedom of each Christian to interpret the Christian faith in his own way. It calls for the responsible exercise of that freedom on the part of every layman to study the Scriptures and interpretations of Scripture, and to share with other Christians the deeper experiences of the faith. Our Reformation forefathers built churches of the sturdy witness of lay theologians. The meaning of the Christian life and the revelation of God in Christ were exciting areas of discussion.

Why Study Groups?

One of the great needs of our churches in this day is the restoration of that spirit of vital, first-hand inquiry and testimony in the church. There are very few opportunities in most churches for people really to discuss the great issues of our faith. In Sunday worship, only the minister speaks, and rarely does the layman have a chance to question him or disagree with him. Adult Sunday school classes have become sterile occasions in many churches. The setting is often too formalized for people really to open their lives in frank discussion.

In all too many churches the only participation laymen have is the Sunday morning service and membership on a board or committee which is completely taken up with problems of administration. The real reasons why people come to church, the search for meaning in life, the hungry spirit, often are never discussed.

Protestant churchmen need to study if they want to live up to this most fundamental conception of what the church is. H. Richard Niebuhr, in his study for the World Council of Churches, called "Who Are the Unbelievers and What Do They Believe," writes:

"The rate of religious and particularly Christian illiteracy in a population that by and large regards itself as Christian is very high. Little biblical knowledge can be counted upon among church members and non-members a-

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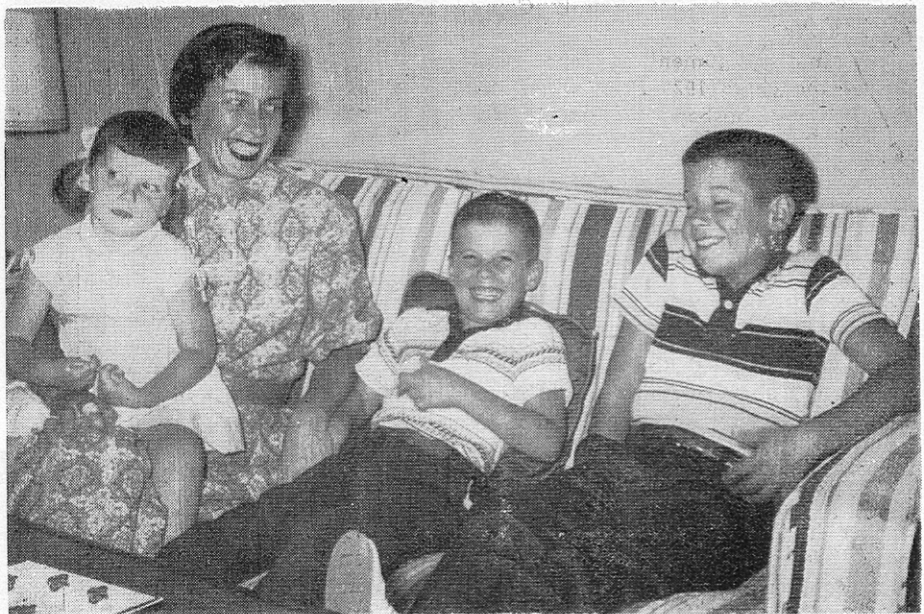
The Superintendent's Page

On Aug. 4, 1794, James O'Kelly and other interested persons met at Old Lebanon Church, Surry County, Va., to form the fellowship that came to be known as the Christian Churches in the South. Many visitors to the Jamestown Festival in Virginia will pass by the site of the Old Lebanon Church and will stop to read the historic monument that stands there. Under the excellent supervision of Dr. W. T. Scott, superintendent of the Southern Convention, a few of us ministers of the Eastern Virginia Conference (this was before I came to the Southeast Convention) cleared the site of brush and planted new grass in order that it be attractive for the tourists.

It comes to mind that what took place there was so very significant for many of our churches in this area. We remember that the Christian churches were gathered around a series of five "Principles of the Christian Church."

- 1) The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church.
- 2) Christian is a sufficient name for the Church.
- 3) The Holy Bible is a sufficient rule of faith and practice.
- 4) Christian character is a sufficient test of fellowship and church membership.
- 5) The right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience is a right and a privilege that should be accorded to, and exercised by all.

Implicit in their thinking, and sometimes stated as a sixth principle, was another idea. "We look to the union of all Christ's followers." These pioneers of our fellowship were looking for the rallying ground upon which all could unite. They would bless with their approval the fact that we are now engaged in the noble and courageous endeavor to give life and substance to The United Church of Christ, born of the union of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. What we are doing is in keeping with the tradition and vision of the Christian Churches as well as



The Superintendent's Family: Leslie Hope, Carolyn (Mrs. Lightbourne), Andy, and Jimmy J. at home in the parsonage

the Congregational Churches.

The matter of names is apt to be confusing at times. It was so with the name, "Christian Church." In many communities there were two or more "Christian Churches" not members of the same denomination or fellowship. The name "The United Church of Christ" will cause confusion throughout the South. The title "Church of Christ" is already used by one major fellowship and is also used by several other groups. The idea of adding to the confusion does not appeal to us.

Local churches will have no problem so far as their own names are concerned. They can keep their present names or change them in ways that will not cause confusion. And probably it is wise that we continue our present endeavor to make our name "Congregational Christian" meaningful to our communities and areas. Since we are definitely a minority group we are far from well known and sometimes are misunderstood. The educational process of "Congregational Christian" is far from complete.

Yet we must be thinking of a name that will have a validity for our na-

tional identity and at the same time will maintain our identity on the local scene. We need a name to designate our denominational affiliation that will let all know who we are without confusion. It will not necessarily replace the present name of local churches, but it will identify them with the larger fellowship. The part of the name of our new fellowship that commends itself to me is "The United Church." I suggest it only for those who wish to do something about their names and for the rest of us to be thinking about for possible use as we need to make known on our signs and letterheads and bulletins our national fellowship.

Dr. Leslie Newbigin, a bishop of the Church of South India, addressing the Uniting General Synod of our fellowship, declared, "I thank God that the Basis of Union itself expresses the hope that the name of the new church is interpreted not merely as declaratory of what we are but as prophetic of what we hope to become." The prophetic note is struck in "The United Church." I suggest we see what use we can make of it.

—James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

Camp Juniper Speaker

Mrs. Floyd L. Roberts, appointed to Kobe College in 1952, will be the missionary speaker and teacher at the Georgia-South Carolina Family Camp Aug. 18-24.

Her first assignment in Japan was during the years 1929-1940, when she and her late husband worked jointly as American Board missionaries in the large industrial city of Nagoya. There the Roberts began a Christian social service center known then, and now, as Biwajima Airinkan, or "House of Neighborly Love."

Mrs. Roberts' present assignment is to teach English at Kobe College in Nishinomiya. Called the Mr. Holyoke of Japan, Kobe College is a Christian school founded by Congregational missionaries in 1875, where more than 1200 girls are trained. Mrs. Roberts' ample experience through the years, as a teacher in the public schools of Kansas, as pastor's wife, as missionary, and later, as house mother in the Northfield School for Girls in East Northfield, Mass., fits her well for her present responsibilities.

Kansas - born, Mrs. Roberts attended the high school of her home town of Woodbine, and then Baker University from which she graduated in 1923 with the degree of A. B. She later did graduate work in religious education at Yale Graduate School.

In 1940, World War II made it necessary for her to return to the United States with the children, her husband



MRS. FLOYD L. ROBERTS

following six months later. After a period of deputation work, Mr. Roberts took the pastorate of the South Congregational Church in Pittsfield, Mass., which he held until his death in 1950.

During these years in America Mrs. Roberts' enthusiasm for the cause of missions in Japan never waned. She spoke extensively throughout the U. S. in behalf of American Board work being done in Japan. Now she is back at work there, picking up the threads which she and her husband wove years ago, giving herself in a spirit of Christian love and service. Already she has brought new life and outlook to her colleagues and has won a host of new friends.

The Formation of . . .

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like. The Christian faith is intimately connected with a theology that the Church teaches something relatively specific about God, man and the future; that Christianity is not only belief but understanding in the light of belief; not only a code of ethics but an orientation in nature and history . . ."

In addition to the need for broadening and deepening their understanding of the faith, Protestants need the frequent experience of intimate face to face sharing. We belong to the heritage of the "gathered church", and we must know one another on the inside. We so infrequently let our guards down. Yet this is the essence of Christian faith.

Often the minister must take the in-

itiative. Sometimes the Board of Deacons will project a series of study groups. One of the best ways is for a group of laymen who want such a group to organize it themselves and then ask the minister to help them plan their study and secure leadership.

Several things have been learned in the past few years about effective techniques in such groups. Some of these are:

The less formalized the announcement of "study groups" or a "series of study groups" the better. In fact, natural friendship groups are the really best way to organize the groups. While it is important to mix people up in the church so they will get acquainted with each other, this is not the ideal occasion to accomplish this goal. Sometimes it is best for the minister to constitute

the group or groups through judicious invitation.

Study groups differ from cell groups in that they are projected for a definite number of meetings (6 is a good number, 10 is possible) to study a certain body of material. At the end of that time the group may decide to take up something else, or break up.

People are expected to read before coming to the group meetings. The leader should provide real resource leadership, but should also allow time for discussion. Two hours is the upper limit of time for each meeting.

Leadership

Often the minister is the only person who seems immediately to be qualified to lead a study group. There is no church, however, in which there are not some laymen who could learn to lead study groups. Perhaps the minister should organize a group of potential leaders of other groups.

Kinds Of Groups

1) One kind is a basic orientation study class which is frankly to lay out the main doctrines of the Christian church. This may be done in a more formal setting, although even here it is better when people feel uncoerced by the habits of their childhood, and can speak freely and honestly.

2) In addition to the survey course, study groups concentrating on one specific area of doctrine, like the nature of man, Jesus Christ, Christian ethics, or on the thought of one theologian, are valuable.

3) The third kind of group begins not so much with doctrine, but with the revelatory literature of our own times, such as plays, novels, nonfiction documentaries. Study that begins in such an area often permits people to speak more freely about their real feelings and questions. Theological insight then comes in response to these questions and in dialogue with the real dynamics of modern life.

Some Resource Material

Small Groups — Presbyterian Div. of Evangelism, 156 Fifth Ave., New York.

A Church Within A Church — by Francis E. Potter, *Advance* magazine, 289 Fourth Ave., New York City.

Small Group Bible Study, Adult Div. of Dept. of Christian Education, Protestant Episcopal Church, Seabury Press, Greenwich, Conn.

Church News

Ft. Valley Society Hill Church held a business meeting and election of officers on July 7. Mrs. Doris Beckham was elected church clerk and treasurer; Mrs. Ruth Hutto, S. S. Superintendent; Deacons and Deaconesses: James Thomas, James Beckham, Adro Yaughn, Mrs. Carlee Walker, Mrs. Vera Thomas and Mrs. W. C. Wade; Trustees — Mrs. Ethel Jones, Miss Okella Hutto, Mrs. Virginia Walker, Mrs. Martha Beckham, Mrs. Edro Yaughn, Mrs. J. W. Jones and Mrs. Gladys Hudson. Reporter is Mrs. Bobby Jones.

The S. S. average attendance for June was 49. A Baptismal service was held July 28 at 3:30 P. M. for those who wished to be baptised who had joined the church since last summer.

The Rev. Woodrow Dorsey began his fourth year as our pastor on July 14, and we were happy to have his mother with us that day. He has brought us many blessings in the past and we pray he may bring us many more in the future.

—Mrs. Bobby Janes

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A very successful week of Vacation Bible School was held at Williams Chapel Church June 10-14. The attendance far exceeded our expectations with a low of 45 and a high of 64. Mrs. C. J. Osburn was efficiently assisted by Mrs. Lester Shaw, Mrs. Vernie Rodgers, Mrs. M. J. Lynn, Mrs. Edward Knight as teachers and Miss Glenda Glosson and Miss Lynette Boruff as teachers and pianists.

At the close of the Bible School a Sunday night program was given by the children of devotions, recitations and songs. Certificates were presented with gold seal and religious memento to those with perfect attendance. Handicrafts were on display.

The Men's Bible Class furnished paper cups, the WMS furnished the refreshments, served each day by Mrs. G. W. Hendrix and Mrs. Betty Ruth Harper.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Boruff and daughters Lynett, Bonita and Cuba entertained with a hamburger fry honoring a group of high school seniors.

Mrs. Edward Knight, our pastor's wife, was pleasantly surprised on the evening of June 16 when the WMS gave

her a birthday shower.

Mrs. Daniel Osburn, Mrs. M. J. Lynn and Mrs. W. F. Wynn attended the Women's Retreat held at the Perry Hotel June 15-16.

Our building fund continues to grow and we hope to begin our church building in the very near future.

— Mrs. C. H. Griffin

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The **Roanoke Lowell Church** had a wonderful revival week with Dr. John B. Crutcher of Phenix City bringing the messages.

Misses Stevette Green and Ann Kampmeier were with us for a two week Vacation Bible School beginning June 17. We had 42 enrolled and four leaders.

Improvements have been made on the church grounds — grass planted on the new playground area and a new parking lot added. The Laymen's Fellowship added a new garage to the parsonage, a new church sign has been erected, announcing that the church is open for prayer and meditation at all times. The new doors add to the appearance of the vestibule.

Our pastor, the Rev. Charles Bell, was guest preacher at the revival at Andalusia First Church, with Joe Harris as song director. We are very proud of one of our home boys, the Rev. Kermit Harris and his family, for Mr. Harris is pastor of this church now.

The Women's Fellowship has adopted as a project for the year a kitchen for the church. New officers were elected and plans were made to attend the Retreat.

A new class each Thursday evening is for the S. S. teachers and superintendent, with discussion of the lessons for the following Sunday.

The regular Wednesday night Bible Study Group is very successful, with good attendance.

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Misses Sandra Mason and Deneda Cecil taught the Vacation Bible School at **Caddo Friendship Church** June 24-29. There were 36 enrolled and 26 had perfect attendance. A program was given by the children on Friday night, and certificates were presented. Those helping with the school were Mrs. Estelle

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Southern Union College

Additions to the staff of SUC will include Nofflet D. Williams, a 1957 graduate of Athens College, who will be instructor in social science and also in physical education; and Luther L. James, recently retired superintendent of the Roanoke City Schools, who will serve as registrar, replacing Miss Alta I MacLaren who had resigned because of ill health. Miss MacLaren passed away at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. D. Grigham, in Sutton, Mass., Sunday afternoon, August 4.

Basic Engineering Program

A one year program in Basic Engineering will be offered in the fall of 1957, under the direct supervision of Dean J. E. Hannum of the School of Engineering at Alabama Polytechnic Institute and will be geared to meet the requirements of the Auburn program. Students will be able to transfer work which meets academic standards to regular engineering schools.

Staff members for the new program, in addition to the regular liberal arts courses, will be Henry Hofman Diehl, Ph. D. of Ohio State University for Mathematics and Franklin D. R. Denney, an Auburn graduate for special engineering courses.

Scholarships

At a recent meeting of the Roanoke Rotary Club, the president, John R. Key, presented a check for \$100 to Acting President Douglas Wasson, representing an underwriting of the annual Honor Scholarship granted by SUC to a top graduate of Handley High School in Roanoke. Miss Myra Roberts is the recipient for 1957-58.

Winners of the two-year \$1,000 music scholarships are David Houston Daughtry of Lanett, Miss Peggy Ann Stubbs of Columbus, Frank Eugene Holliday of Columbus, and William Alfred Camp of Wadley. All were selected from auditions. Music scholarships are granted on the basis of ability and are valued, for students living on campus, at \$500 per year. Two scholarships remain open: high soprano and first tenor. Auditions may be arranged through the college office.

Athletic scholarships have been given to the following: Max E. Bell of south Alabama, football; Pat Watkins, of Hurtsboro, Ala., basketball; and James Byron McGill of East Tallassee, basketball and baseball.



The Rev. Masaru Takahashi, in his Japanese robe, gives his autograph to one of the campers. Mr. Takahashi will minister in the Japanese community of Chicago for one year before returning to Japan and a career in the ministry. He taught the classes on "Missions" and lectured during the women's retreat, showing colored slides of Japan.

ALABAMA YOUNG PEOPLE

About 45 young people from the churches of Alabama and northwest Florida gathered on the SUC campus July 14-20 for the annual summer conference. The young people were of junior and senior high level, and studied the Bible, Christian life experiences, missions and other applications of churchmanship.

The Rev. Collie Seymour served as Dean; the Rev. Earl Hand was associate dean and business manager. Other faculty members were Dr. Claude Warren, Rev. Herbert Long, Rev. Annie R. Campbell, Rev. Kermit Harris, Rev. R. J. Fraser (E. & R.), Dick Chamberlain, Mrs. Challis Rhodes and Rev. Masaru Takahashi, missionary speaker and graduate of Andover Newton Theological School. The four student summer service workers, Misses Ann Kampmeier, Sandra Mason,



Pictured above is the SEC Pilgrim Fellowship Action Commission, which met during the Alabama Young People's Conference to plan next year's program material. Dick Chamberlain, chairman of the national Action Commission of Pilgrim Fellowship, met with them for discussion of the national program, study and evaluation of materials, and suggestions for resource materials and leaders.

Alabama Women's Retreat

The summer Retreat for the women of Alabama and northwest Florida was held July 23-24 at Southern Union College with Mrs. Challis Rhodes, vice-president, presiding. (Mrs. A. D. Harry, president, was in the hospital and proudly announced the birth of another little boy.)

Featured speakers were the Rev. Masaru Takahashi, Japanese minister; Miss Helen Dizney, missionary nurse in both China and Africa; and Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr.

Panel sessions, study groups on the six areas of work, and general discussions of plans for the coming year, program materials, etc. comprised the program, which closed with installation of new officers. Mrs. Challis Rhodes of East Tallassee is the new president.

Stevette Green and Denada Cecil, also served on the faculty, doing a fine job of pinch-hitting for several who could not attend the conference.



Dick Chamberlain, the guest leader at the Wadley Summer Conference, is enrolled as a pre-ministerial student and is a junior at Springfield College, Mass. In the Pilgrim Fellowship he has served as local, association and state president, and was state chairman of the Faith Commission as well as co-dean of the Deering Officers Training Conference.

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Armor, Miss Margaret Shelton and Mrs. Eva Shelton.

— Eva Shelton

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The 3rd Sunday in May was the annual Decoration Day at Union Grove Church, and a large crowd attended the morning service, luncheon and afternoon singing.

A group met at the church to improve the grounds, and again to finish the work on the pews.

The "friendship quilt" project to raise funds for finishing the interior of the church has been completed and donations amounted to about \$120, and are still being received.

The children's 1-9 year group was entertained recently with a S. S. picnic at Haleyville City Park and reported a wonderful time.

The annual revival began July 21st, Homecoming Day.

— Mrs. B. H. Hill